

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph, with changes shown by strikethrough (for deletions) or underlining (for added matter):

[0023] As a result, the temperature of the normally much hotter anode gas (which may be as high as 1000°-1300° F (approximately 538°-705° C)) and the relatively cooler ambient or heated air passing through openings 52 exchange heat between each other to thereby lower the temperature of the former and raise the temperature of the latter so that they become more equal before their discharge into the mixing space. This reduces the temperature of the combustible components in the anode gas, such as H₂, and helps prevent the formation of high temperature pockets in the mixture that could auto-ignite, as was discussed above. Thus, the lengths of the flow paths past the heat exchanger are selected so that substantially no portions of the mixture are above the auto-ignition temperature of the combustible components in the anode gas.